The Long Beach Homeless Veterans Initiative Program (HVI) began in July 21, 2008. The mission of the HVI is to conduct street outreach to homeless veterans in the City of Long Beach and connect them to employment services, provide benefits advocacy as well as transitional and then permanent housing.

The City of Long Beach has frequently identified this program as integral to their success in dramatically reducing their homeless veteran population. In 2015, the HVI team housed 308 veterans. In the first quarter of 2016, they housed 69 veterans.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to amend the agreement with the City of Long Beach to: 1) extend the Long Beach Homeless Veterans Initiative contract for one year, through July 31, 2017; 2) allocate an additional \$450,000 to the contract sum, utilizing Fourth District Homeless Prevention Initiative funds; and, 3) permit unspent funds from the current program year to be utilized in the upcoming program year for a total budget for the upcoming program year to not exceed \$585,000.

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